

Your home could be at risk. You can improve your home's chance of survival by creating a Survivable Space.

Survivable Space Tips

- Keep roofs and gutters free from leaves, pine needles, and other flammable debris.
- Keep all combustibles, (i.e. firewood, picnic tables, boats, etc. away from structures.
- Remove large, thick shrubbery around structures for a minimum of 30 feet.
- Landscape with shrubbery that is fire resistant and well watered.
- Plants such as junipers and pines are extremely combustible and should be removed, pruned or thinned.
- Maintain a landscape that is free from dead and dying plants.

- Break the continuity of vegetation to reduce fire spread. Space groups of shrubs and individual trees 15 feet apart.
- Remove branches on trees within 15 feet of the ground.
- Plant low-growing ground covers and ensure that treetops are not touching.
- Use fire resistant roofing and siding.
- Limb trees along driveways to 16 feet to allow access for emergency vehicles.
- Make address clearly visible.
- Have ladders and sheets of plywood to cover large windows, eaves and vents.

For additional information on home fire safety visit the FireWise web site at: www.firewise.org